Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota Department of Health, in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, is encouraging South Dakotans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, towns and cities; and,

Whereas, Natural disasters, epidemics and other major emergencies can and do happen anywhere and as responsible citizens and family members, South Dakotans need to be prepared at home, at work, anywhere; and,

Whereas, It is vital that all South Dakotans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school so they can help responders tasked with helping them to do their best; and,

Whereas, The bReady campaign was created to encourage individuals to have an emergency bReady kit, make a family emergency plan and learn more about the different threats that may affect them and to encourage organizations and businesses to reach out and find ways to plan for cooperation in times of crisis; and,

Whereas, The bReady campaign offers a variety of ways for citizens to learn more about emergency preparedness, including the bReady Web site, www.bReadySD.com, public service announcements about the bReady program on television, radio and newspapers, an information booth at the South Dakota State Fair and other educational opportunities throughout the year; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2007, as

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in South Dakota and I encourage all citizens to be prepared to care for each other in times of emergency and, in making these plans and carrying them out, create a greater sense of security and interdependence that can see us through difficult times.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State